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For: FLEXIBLE THIN-LAYER SOLAR CELL	)	

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, applicant requests that the following claim amendments be entered. Additional amendments are incorporated in the formatted Substitute Specification submitted herewith. A copy of the original application, together with a CompareRite® version showing the amendments made to the original application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (2001), are also submitted herewith. No new matter has been introduced in these amendments to the original specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace Claims 1-13 as follows.

1. (Amended) Method to produce a solar cell wherein on a substrate a dissolvable intermediate layer is deposited, on the intermediate layer a layer structure is deposited, the